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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD VISIT IN ARMSTRONG COUNTY

CLAUDE, TEXAS, April 22, 2005 – USDA Rural Development invites the public to attend a session to provide information about our programs. USDA Rural Development representatives will be at the Armstrong County Activity Building, intersection of 10th Street and Highway 207 South, Claude, Texas, on Wednesday, June 15, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. until noon to provide information about USDA Rural Development's Housing, Community, and Business and Cooperative Programs.

"This is an opportunity to bring information about USDA Rural Development programs directly to the citizens in their rural areas," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Representatives will be available to answer individual questions and assist applicants with their applications."

USDA Rural Development's housing programs offer loans and grants to applicants in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Programs offered assist qualified persons to buy, build, repair or maintain a home.

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by providing funds to governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes to enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers and fund new and improved water and wastewater facilities.

USDA Rural Development's business and cooperative programs provide the needed capital to expand economic opportunities and development in rural areas throughout Texas by working with banks and community lenders. There is no minimum loan size and the maximum loan size is up to \$25 million.

USDA Rural Development is committed to help improve the quality of life for rural Texans. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Amarillo office at (806) 468-8600, Ext. 4.

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